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## WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's club met at the library Jan. 15 for the regular meeting. The paper for the afternoon was prepared by Mrs. Grace Fauth on the subject, "Our Merchant Marine." It was both very instructive and very interesting. As Mrs. Fauth was not able to be present, Mrs. Harman read her paper.

Miss Elsie Kaufman, a young musician of unusual ability, played two numbers on the guitar and one on the piano.

## TO FORM CHORAL SOCIETY

Of interest to Owosso singers is the announcement that a choral society is being organized under the direction of Professor Bennett and Miss Miss Kaltrider pianist.

Temporary officers elected at the first meeting held at Mr. Bennett's studio are: Chairman, Miss Anna Meier and secretary, H. G. Beemer.

The association will be known as the Athenian Choral Society. Names are being solicited for membership and those interested who would like further information could get it by calling on any of the above named.

## TEACHERS TO RECEIVE BETTER SALARIES

An increase of ten dollars per month, was voted to all teachers in the city schools by the board of education at its last meeting. The increase makes the minimum salary paid to the teachers \$80 per month. The increase is retroactive to January 1, this year.

The board also discussed the matter of the annex to the Emerson school which was badly damaged by fire yesterday. It is likely that the board will repair the building.

## Ladies Will Have Gallery Seats for C. of C. Banquet.

The Chamber of Commerce has decided to issue to each person purchasing a ticket for the banquet at the armory next Monday night two tickets of admission to the gallery for ladies.

It is believed the ladies will enjoy the musical program which will begin at seven o'clock, and also the addresses to be made by the notable speakers on the program, and on the other hand the presence of many ladies will doubtless inspire the speakers to do their best.

## M. A. C. GRADUATES AND STUDENTS TO BANQUET

A banquet to which graduates and all former students of the Michigan Agricultural college are invited, will be held in Owosso on Saturday evening, February 7. The purpose of the banquet will be to arouse interest among former students at the college, in the project to erect an alumni building at the college. County Agent Dennison of the farm bureau is the local committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet. The place where the banquet will be held has not yet been decided. All former students at the college are asked to keep the date open and make every effort to be present.

## Sturtevant Lumber & Coal Co. Organized.

The Sturtevant Lumber & Coal Co., successor to the old established firm of Sturtevant & Blood, was organized Tuesday, and Charles V. Harris was elected president and general manager. H. B. Sturtevant vice president and W. J. Blood secretary-treasurer. The company is capitalized at \$100,000.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST ACTIVITIES

Several committees were appointed at last night's meeting of Patterson-Dawson post, American Legion, to look after matters which the post has under way. One committee will confer with Quackenbush post, G. A. R. regarding plans for co-operating in the observance of Memorial day next year.

Another committee was named to make plans for a dancing party to be given on the night of Washington's birthday, February 22.

A third committee was named to have charge of the organization of a basketball team. A call has been issued for practice tomorrow night. There are several members of the post who are basketball players of ability and a strong team to represent the post seems likely.

L. F. Miner, who is field agent here for the government insurance bureau talked to the men on government insurance.

## WILLING WORKERS MEET

The Willing Workers of the Church of Christ met with Mrs. Gratz Cook, 115 Goodhue St. Wednesday at 2:00. The new officers recently elected, are as follows: President, Mrs. Gratz Cook; vice president, Mrs. Chas. Clark; secretary, Mrs. Joe Somers; treasurer, Mrs. Lee Townsend; matron, Mrs. Chas. Pate; flower committee, Mrs. Louisa Van Ever.

## C. E. OFFICERS

The yearly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor of the Church of Christ was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gates.

The following officers were elected: President, Leo Beach; vice president, Burr Stoner; secretary, Winonah Boyce; corresponding secretary, Geneva Drexler; treasurer, Lewis Dearman; pianist, Ruth Somers; chorister, Dora Gute. Music and refreshments were enjoyed.

## FATAL INJURY AT MALLEABLES

John Seluici, aged 35 years, and employed at the plant of the American Malleables Co., died Monday as a result of injuries and burns sustained Sunday morning, in attempting to extinguish a slight fire that broke out over the ovens.

Seluici, climbed to the top of the oven to extinguish the fire and his clothing caught fire, from a "flare-back" from the oven. Almost instantly he was enveloped in flames and became a human torch. He leaped to the floor screaming with pain, and fellow employees, turned water on him extinguishing the fire, but not before his clothing had been burned nearly off him. He was hurried to Memorial hospital.

In addition to his burns, he injured himself internally when he jumped, as hemorrhages from the bowels set in during the night.

## OWOSSO HIGH BOYS AND GIRLS WIN

Owosso high school boys and girls basketball team won their second games of the season Friday when the Holly boys and girls' teams fell victims to the powers of the locals. The boys defeated their visitors by a score of 50 to 11, while the girls won easily, 28 to 11.

The boys played rather loosely in the first half but in the second half, showed speed and team work on the offensive that swept the Holly youths off their feet.

The girls showed wonderful teamwork. The two guards, Misses Britton and Harmon, were responsible for holding Holly's score down, Miss Hale and Miss Kaiser at the center positions made things lively for their opponents and Misses Harrison and Osmer at the forwards positions showed accuracy in basket shooting.

## DESERT TO BE SALT LAKE CITY MARKET GARDEN

Reclamation of 7,250 acres of land lying between Salt Lake City and Great Salt Lake, and its conversion into a ranch capable of producing foodstuffs to supply the needs of the Utah capital, is now being vigorously prosecuted by private interests.

Already \$275,000 has been expended in the reclamation work, and engineers engaged on the project estimate that an additional \$125,000 will be required to complete it. This work involves the construction of a system of small drainage canals crisscrossing the tract and emptying into two larger and central channels which convey the surplus salt water into Great Salt Lake. For unnumbered years the tract has been saturated with salt deposits, and the snows of winter and rains of summer have left the land a boggy waste, so far as the surface grounds is concerned. At an average depth of three feet, however, there is a solid and exceedingly rich subsoil. To drain the surface of its water and upturn the soil is the task of the engineers.—By Frederic Kinney, in the February Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Among the several couples who have been granted marriage licenses by County Clerk Burnett in the last few days are James Moshimer and Mrs. Emma Baker of Byron. Mr. Moshimer is 75 years old and has been married once before, while Mrs. Baker is 62 and has been married three times before. Mr. Moshimer is a civil war veteran.

Others who obtained licenses were Carl Caler and Mabel Oyster, Owosso; John Button and Juanita Wiswell, Owosso; Louis Evanchich and Stella Krokker, Durand; Clarence Harris and Winifred Watson, Owosso; Myron P. Darling, Carland, and Barbara Haeder, Owosso; Oeschel Harris and Lula Waters, Owosso.

Frank Spaniel of Owosso has begun suit by summons against Ben Rieis, for \$2,000 for labor on the latter's farm. The Owosso Sugar Co. is made defendant in the case.

## Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Prospects for a large attendance at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet Monday evening at the armory are very bright, and all will be well repaid for attending.

The program is as follows:

Introduction of the toastmaster, Mr. W. F. Gallagher, by the President, Mr. Herman A. Dixon.

"Our Opportunities," Mr. R. H. Scott, vice president and manager Red Motor Works, Lansing.

"Our Responsibilities," Mr. J. D. Dort, President Dort Motor Car Company, Flint.

"Our Community," Mr. W. S. Linton, ex-congressman and member State Highway Commission, Saginaw.

"Others' Experience Locally Applied," Mr. F. W. Steere, Steere Engineering Co., Owosso.

"Facts and Fancies," Mr. Lee H. Beare, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids.

## Movie Show Benefit for Hospital.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 28 and 29, the Entertainment and Ways and Means Committees of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Memorial Hospital will give a benefit at Grand theatre, for the purpose of raising additional funds for the hospital. The patronage of the public is urged.

The committees have secured an exceptionally strong attraction for the above dates and feel confident the picture will please all patrons. It is D. W. Griffith's "True Heart Susie," and stars Lillian Gish and Robert Harron, both prime favorites with movie fans.

A thorough canvass will be made for the sale of tickets and there will surely be a generous response for the good cause to be benefited.

## Coal Company Pays Mortgage.

Pulver & B. sh, attorneys for the plaintiffs, announced Wednesday that the Liberty Coal Co. of New Haven township had paid the chattel mortgage of \$10,000, with interest, held by Owosso banks and the Owosso Sugar Co. and the mortgage is discharged.

G. E. Pardee, who began suits for employees of the coal company, states that the company has promised to pay the labor claims in full soon.

## Y. W. C. A. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Young Woman's Christian association was held Monday evening at the rooms on South Washington street. After the devotionals, which were in charge of Mrs. Dunning Idle, Mrs. Fred Welch, president of the board took charge of the meeting.

A pretty feature in giving the reports for the past year's activities was the putting in place of a section of the blue triangle as each girl spoke until at the conclusion of the various recitals depicting the phases of Y. W. work, the symbol was complete. Reports were also given by the board, Mrs. Welch, the president of the Junior Council, Miss Mable Morgan, and the general secretary, Miss Virgie Mendenhall.

The resume of the work of the second year showed the organization to be in a most flourishing condition over 200 girls being enrolled in the various departments.

Much credit is due to the efforts of Miss Mendenhall who is a most faithful and efficient worker. The new members of the board elected last evening are as follows: Miss Kate Corlett, Mrs. A. F. Howard, Miss Hazel Tidman, Mrs. George Gates, Miss Addie Crowe, Miss Jennie Sackrider, Mrs. S. J. Morgan.

The new members of the council are Misses Blanche Jenney, Clara Kaltrider, Bessie Palmer, Helen Bush, Mabel Morgan, Ethel Hutchinson, Madeline Rice, Annie Sayles, Nellie Schlicher and Mrs. Bessie Lewis.

Miss Marcia Seizer, a "Y" secretary was present and gave an interesting talk.

At the conclusion of the business session a brief social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

Attorneys Miner and Miner have filed the answer to the bill of complaint in the case of Ira G. and Georgia Curry against Arthur L. and Frances Curry, all of Owosso, in which the building occupied by the Curry hardware business is involved. Arthur Curry claims that Ira virtually admitted in 1915 that he had no further rights in the building because of being in default on the contract and that money paid by him to Arthur had long been called rent.

Frank A. Jones, a local carpenter, was yesterday awarded a judgment of \$50 by a jury in Justice court against August Stute, manager of the Federal bakery. Jones sued for labor in remodeling the front of the bakery. He asked \$125.

## FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Prospects for a large membership in the Farm Bureau are especially bright according to C. M. Urch, Campaign Manager. Mr. Urch, with County Agent Dennison, has visited every township in the county during the last few days and a township chairman has been selected to look after the arrangements for the campaign which is to be put on by the State Farm Bureau in the near future.

Each chairman selects eight or ten committeemen in his township to assist in transporting the solicitors when they arrive in the county. Reports from these chairman indicate, that in most cases, influential farmers see the need for the kind of an organization that the State Farm Bureau is backing and are very willing and anxious to aid in driving these solicitors for one day.

In some townships meeting of these chairman with their committeemen have been held and the townships definitely mapped out by roads so that the work will be greatly facilitated when operations start. Other townships will follow a similar course within the next few days.

Mr. M. A. Masick from the State Farm Bureau force will be in Owosso Monday morning and will spend the week in the county assisting Mr. Urch in making any necessary arrangements prior to the opening of the campaign on January 26.

Farmers from every section of the county are taking a keen interest in the preliminary arrangements and from all indications Shiawassee county will have as large a membership as any other county in the state when the drive is completed.

## SEEK 2,000 ROOMS FOR FARM DELEGATES

East Lansing, January 20.—Two thousand rooms in Lansing and East Lansing are being reserved for the accommodation of visitors at the Michigan Agricultural College Farmers' Week, Feb. 2 to 6. Advance inquiries indicate that a crowd considerably in excess of last year's 5,000 will attend the annual congress of agricultural men, and authorities at the college are taking precautions against the danger of a room shortage.

Eleven state agricultural associations, with a total membership running well into the thousands, will hold their annual meetings at East Lansing during the week. As a result the normal attendance of guests for the week is expected to receive a decided boost. The associations scheduled to convene are: Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Milk Producers Association, Michigan Potato Producers Association, Michigan Muck Farmers Association, Michigan Maple Syrup Makers Association, Michigan Milk and Dairy Inspectors Association, Park Superintendents and City Foresters, and Rural Y. M. C. A. Secretaries.

These organizations meeting together during the week represent the largest gathering of rural workers held in the state at any one time during the year. Many members are planning to avail themselves of the chance to attend the meeting of their association and at the same time "take in" the other Farmers' Week attractions.

Detailed programs and information may be had by writing to Director of Short Courses, East Lansing, Michigan.

## County Y. W. C. A. Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Young Women's Christian Association will be held at the headquarters rooms, Stafford building, South Washington street, Owosso, on Wednesday, Jan. 28. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon, and the afternoon session will open promptly at 1 o'clock. This is a call to all women and girls in the county, whether members of the Association as yet or not, to get together in real fellowship, learn of its varied activities during the past year, and to look ahead to all that the Association can bring to our communities in the future. As far as possible, the reports will be given by the girls themselves. Election of the new members of board of directors will be held in the afternoon.

Is your town or community planning adequately for its girlhood? If it is, connect up with this world organization of girls and women. If it is not, the Y. W. C. A. has contribution to make to the life of your community. Let's get acquainted; come to the annual meeting. Bring sandwiches and one other article of food—a spirit of friendliness and a neighbor.

The City Commission has had a large part of the vacant land adjoining the armory on the north scraped and dyked, and flooded it for an artificial skating rink.

## Washington Letter.

### AN INSULT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Washington, January 20.—The Republican Publicity Association, by its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"Writing in the New York Times of January 4, Isaac F. Marcossion says of the peace treaty at the time of the President's return from Europe, 'Despite the disappointment over President Wilson's personal performance there was still hope that the nation which sent him abroad would back him up.'"

"But the nation did not send him abroad. He took himself abroad, in the name of all precedent, and against the judgment of both his political friends and his political opponents. Moreover, he had, but a few weeks before, delivered an address to the people of the country on the eve of an election in which he said:

"The return of a Republican majority to either House of Congress would, moreover, certainly be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership. If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the Senate and the House of Representatives."

"After making that appeal, President Wilson assured the people that he would accept their verdict 'without cavil.'"

"The result was the substitution of a Republican for a Democratic majority in both houses—a direct and unmistakable repudiation of the President's leadership."

"How then, can any intellectually honest man say that the American people sent Woodrow Wilson to Europe to speak for them at the peace conference? By every means in their power, the people told him not to speak for them. Can Mr. Marcossion conceive of any other manner in which the people could have expressed themselves?"

"And yet he has the effrontery to say 'Europe had every right to assume that once our good name was affixed to the treaty, that name would not be repudiated.' An insult to the intelligence of the American people as well as to the intelligence of the representatives of European nations at Paris. There is not a school boy in America and there was not a peace delegate at the conference but knows that the name of this country cannot be affixed to any treaty without the advice and consent of the Senate. To accuse his nation of 'repudiating' its good name is an offense for which Mr. Marcossion should be called to account before the bar of public opinion, if nowhere else. It is upon such talk that bolshevism feeds. If Mr. Marcossion can accuse his country of repudiating its good name, why cannot the bearer of a Red Flag do the same with impunity? If the people of this country take the President at his word and repudiate his leadership by their votes at a national election, and then Mr. Marcossion can be permitted to proclaim that the people sent Mr. Wilson to Europe as their spokesman, why cannot the Red agitator with equal impunity declare that every victory for law and order is in reality an endorsement of the campaign of lawlessness? One would be just as true as the other, and Mr. Marcossion knows it."

"To say that this nation sent Mr. Wilson to Europe, to say that the good name of this nation was signed to the peace treaty, or to say that this nation has repudiated its name, is false, and any man who makes the statements is a menace to orderly constitutional government in the United States. He is a besmircher of the good name of the nation under the protection of whose flag he lives."

## Another Whiskey Maker Caught.

Martin Janrich, an Austrian, and the stills with which he has been making whiskey out of corn and ralsins, were landed in the city jail Tuesday, following a raid on his home on Brooks street by Chief Holmes and three other officers. With Janrich and the stills, came a large quantity of mash in the process of fermentation.

Janrich denies that he was making whiskey, asserting that it was cider that he was making. He demanded an examination when arraigned in police court Wednesday morning and it was set for Jan. 23. He failed to furnish bail in the sum of \$500 and was remanded.

Justice Friegel awarded John Lotridge, contractor, a judgment of \$331.60 against William Roseman. Lotridge built a house for Roseman on contract and then presented a bill for extras. Lotridge claimed \$500. Roseman tendered him \$331.60 and the court made this his verdict.

## CAMPBELL EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

Hon. Milo D. Campbell, of Coldwater, in accepting the tender of support from the various farmers' organizations of the State to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Michigan, outlines his platform as follows:

To the People of Michigan: I have just received from a conference committee appointed by the various farm organizations an urgent request that I become a candidate for governor, in a letter containing a statement of principles which I heartily endorse.

I have previously received pressing invitations to the same effect from organizations in other lines and from widely different sources.

As a result I have decided and now announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

In doing so, I wish to say that I shall endeavor to become the standard bearer of certain great principles which I regard as vital, and in their interest shall devote all my energies to a vigorous campaign, not merely in the hope of becoming governor, an honor which I do not covet for itself alone, but in the hope of furthering these principles, which is the highest ambition of my life.

There will be no pussy-footing in my campaign. I shall, from time to time, in accordance with the spirit of the primary law, make plain statements of my position on public questions, realizing that I may thus invite serious opposition but believing the people are entitled to know what to expect from me.

I shall stand on the following platform:

1. Americanism.
2. Republicanism. Subject to my duty as an American, I shall adhere to the principles of the Republican Party, of which I have been a lifelong, active member.
3. The right of collective bargaining for both farm and industrial labor.
4. Improved conditions and an adequate wage for labor.
5. A basic eight-hour day in industry but not a shorter day. With the present pressing need for production we cannot prosper on half time.
6. Against the demands of the "red" element in labor unions and for the apparently successful effort of constructive leaders to prevent their domination.
7. Proper relief for disabled soldiers and sailors. Where the federal government has failed to function adequately for this purpose, I believe the state should supplement its work.
8. Reduction in the number of state boards by combining groups of related activities along the lines successfully worked out in Illinois.
9. The proper recognition of women in matters of government.
10. Certain reforms in insurance laws which, without injury to insurance companies, will greatly benefit the insured. But not state insurance.
11. Good roads and such internal improvements as will make Michigan a better state.
12. Official independence. I shall make no promises in advance of the election, either of positions or policies except as contained in my public announcements.
13. Vigorous enforcement of the criminal laws with special reference to liquor laws.

Hoping my platform and candidacy will win your approval, I am, Sincerely,

MILO D. CAMPBELL.

## Death of Ransom Lewis.

Ransom Lewis, a resident of Owosso for the past 18 years, died Wednesday at his home, 738 North Park street. His death was due to a complication of diseases. Mr. Lewis had been confined to his bed for the past week but had been in poor health for some time.

The deceased would have been 78 years old next month. He was a Civil war veteran and a member of Owosso lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. May C. Lewis, and four children, Mrs. Bertha E. Foote of this city; Spencer A. Lewis of Eastport, Idaho; Mrs. H. F. Locke of Pontiac, and W. A. Lewis of Detroit. Another daughter, Mrs. Carolyn E. Miller of Grand Rapids, died in 1915. Eight grandchildren also survive.

## Kings Daughters Branch.

Wednesday evening a number of women met at the home of Mrs. Harry Northway, Adams street, and organized a branch of the King's Daughters. The object is to permit business women who cannot attend the regular meetings of the Circle in the afternoon, to become identified with the regular organization. Mrs. Harry Northway will act as leader of the group. Miss Agnes Schymura was elected secretary and Miss N. M. McKee was treasurer. The next meeting will be February 3 when a contest will be held. The first of the King's Daughters will be held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Schymura on the last Saturday.